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1. The system of control based on the pao chia (保甲) has been abolished in the Ningpo area and a new Communist form substituted for it.* Under the new arrangement, in such localities as Chenhai Hsien (121-42, 29-58) and Tzuchi Hsien (121-38, 30-), poor tenant farmers have assumed the leadership formerly held by wealthy farmers and landlords. The controlling agency is the Peasants' Association at hsien level.
2. Each hsien has a General Peasants' Association, which has branches in each district and village. Officers of the general and the branch associations are chairmen, vice-chairmen, and subordinate section heads. In the hsien, the lowest unit is the lu (里), a group of twenty-five families, usually equivalent to two of the former chia. The next is the chieh (街), equivalent to a pao. The ts'un (村), the usual village unit, is made up of three chieh. Each village maintains its own Self-Defense Unit, with a commander appointed by the Peasants' Association to handle defense and intelligence activities.
3. Membership in the Peasants' Association includes all the poorer class of tenant farmers, and officers are ostensibly elected from the whole group. In practice, farmers with more than three mou of land are not allowed to participate in the activities of the association.
4. Part of the Association's program is to obtain for poor farmers the rents they paid as tenants between 1946 and 1949. The amount of rent to be refunded by the landlord is 150 catties of grain per mou per year.
5. Farmers are expected, however, to pay the Communist administration a tax in kind. This amount to five catties of grain from owners of more than three mou of land, fifty catties from owners of more than ten mou, 150 catties from owners of more than fifty mou, and 250 catties from those with more than a hundred mou.

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